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2004 MEAT ANIMAL PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- The 2004 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs was \$97.6 million, down 2 percent from the revised gross income of \$99.5 million in 2003. Gross income from cattle and calves was down 3 percent. Hogs and pigs increased 24 percent. Sheep and lambs increased 8 percent from the 2003 income.

Production of meat animals in West Virginia during 2004 totaled 127.8 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year. Cattle and calves production increased 2 percent. Hogs and pigs unchanged from the previous year. Sheep and lambs decreased 12 percent. The value of production of meat animals was up 22 percent to \$88.2 million compared to \$72.2 million in 2003.

Total 2004 cash receipts from marketings for all meat animals was \$91.4 million, down 2 percent from the revised cash receipts of \$92.9 million in 2003. Cattle and calves accounted for 96 percent of the total cash receipts, sheep and lambs 2 percent and hogs and pigs 2 percent.

Cattle and calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 2 percent during 2004. Receipts totaled \$87.4 million compared with the \$89.5 million in 2003. All cattle and calf marketings during 2004 reached 116.6 million pounds, down from the 145.0 million pounds in 2003. The 2004 annual average price of cattle at \$67.20 per 100 pounds live weight, was up \$10.30 from the 2003 price. The average price for calves at \$101.00 per 100 pounds live weight, was up \$19.30 from the 2003 price.

Hogs and pigs: Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$1.8 million during 2004, up 35 percent from the revised 2003 cash receipts of \$1.3 million. Marketings of 3.9 million pounds during 2004 were 6 percent above the 2003 total marketings of 3.7 million pounds. The annual average price per 100 pounds live weight at \$46.10 increased \$10.00 from the price last year.

Sheep and lambs: Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2004 totaled \$2.2 million, up 8 percent from the 2003 cash receipts of \$2.1 million. The average price of sheep in 2004 was \$36.90 per 100 pounds of live weight, up from \$31.40 in 2003. Lamb prices increased from \$90.60 in 2003 to \$102.00 in 2004. Marketings of sheep and lambs at 2.7 million pounds were down 3 percent from the 2003 marketings of sheep and lambs.

UNITED STATES -- The 2004 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$62.6 billion, up 11 percent from 2003. Gross income increased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves increased 5 percent, hogs and pigs increased 35 percent, and sheep and lambs increased 3 percent.

Total 2004 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 11 percent to \$62.2 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production decreased for all cattle and calves and sheep and lambs but increased hogs and pigs. Average prices were up for all three species.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$45.1 billion in 2003 to \$47.3 in 2004, a 5 percent increase. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 53.8 billion pounds in 2004, down 5 percent from 2003. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$85.90, an increase of \$6.20 from 2003. For calves, the annual average price increased \$17.00 to \$119.00.

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Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$14.3 billion during 2004, up 35 percent from 2003. Marketings totaled 27.8 billion pounds in 2004, up 2 percent from 2003. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased from \$37.20 in 2003 to \$49.30 in 2004.

Sheep and Lambs: Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2004 were \$521 million, up 3 percent from 2003. Marketings decreased 6 percent to 572 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep increased from \$34.90 in 2003 to \$38.80 in 2004 while for lambs, the annual average price increased \$94.40 to \$101.00.

Terms and Definitions

Cash Receipts: Receipts from marketings and any sale of farm-slaughtered meats. For hogs and pigs, includes an allowance for feeder pig outshipments. U.S. prices received for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs were published in "Agricultural Prices", released February 28, 2005.

Farm Slaughter: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for producers at commercial establishments.

Gross Income: Sum of cash receipts and value of home consumption.

Inshipments: Livestock shipped into States for feeding or breeding. Excludes animals brought in for immediate slaughter.

Inventory Value: The value of inventory on hand as of January 1 (cattle and sheep) or December 1 (hogs). Values per head are based on information reported by respondents to the respective inventory surveys.

Marketings: Includes animals for slaughter market and younger animals shipped to other States for feeding and breeding purposes. Excludes interfarm sales within the same State and farm slaughter. Number of head marketed includes all custom slaughter, but live weight marketed, shown in pounds, excludes custom slaughter consumed on farms where produced.

Production: Includes total live weight of animals marketed, farm slaughter, and custom slaughter consumed on farms where produced, minus live weight of inshipments, with an adjustment for any increase or decrease in live weight of inventory.

Value of Home Consumption: Total value of on-farm slaughter and custom slaughter consumed on the farm where produced.